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DEPT PASS COMMERCE FOR COHEN AND EXIMBANK FOR YOUNG

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1. ON JULY 25 SHEIK NAJIB ALAMUDDI, MEA BOARD CHAIRMAN, SIGNED FINAL SALES CONTRACT (SUBJECT FINANCING) FOR THREE BOING 747-200B AIRCRAFT. VALUE OF CONTRACT WITH THE BOEING COMPANY INCLUDES \$100 MILLION FOR THE AIRCRAFT AND APPROXIMATELY \$15 MILLION FOR SPARES AND EQUIPMENT. A SEPARATE SALES CONTRACT WITH PRATT & WHITNEY WAS ALSO SIGNED BY SHEIK NAJIB YESTERDAY COVERING FOUR SPARE JT9D-7F ENGINES, VALUED AT \$5 MILLION. TOTAL VALUE OF CONTRACT LISTED AT \$120 MILLION, WHICH IS FIGURE USED FOR EXIMBANK APPLICATION, BUT MEA GENERAL MANAGER, ASSAD NASR, INDICATES TOTAL VALUE, INCLUDING SPECIALIZED GROUND AND CATERING EQUIPMENT, WOULD PROBABLY RISE TO \$127 MILLION TOTAL.

2. IN ADDITION TO SAID MAIN-DECK CARGO DOOR, MEA'S
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AIRCRAFT WILL HAVE MAXIMUM GROSS TAKEOFF WEIGHT OF

800,000 LBS. (25,000 LBS, GREATER THAN STANDARD 747-200B)
TO ENHANCE MAXIMUM PAYLOAD/STAGE LENGTH ROUTE SECTOR
CAPABILITIES. ACCORDING NASR, FIRST DELIVERY FLIGHT MAY 1975
WILL ENCOMPASS ONONSTOP SECTOR SEATTLE-BEIRUT. GODLEY

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